

AMERICANS MURDERED; TOWN FIRED

500 Villa Bandits Crossed International Boundary Line And Made Night Attack on Columbus, New Mexico, But Were Finally Driven Out By U. S. Cavalry

RESIDENTS SHOT DOWN AS THEY FLED FROM FIRE

Standing Guard Over Exits, Bandits Set Fire to Buildings And Shot Down the Inmates As They Were Driven Out By Flames—Mexicans Paid Dearly With Their Lives

Columbus, New Mexico, March 9.—Five hundred Villa bandits attacked this place at 4:30 o'clock this morning, killed a number of civilians, both men and women, and had possession of the town for an hour and a half before they were driven off by three troops of the 13th cavalry. When they retreated, they left part of the town in flames. A large number of Mexicans were killed, the bodies dotting the streets where they had been posted, picking off the Americans as they emerged pell-mell from dwellings and hotels.

Several guests were burned to death in the Central hotel, one of the first buildings fired by Villa's men. The bandits, standing outside the flaming building, killed the hotel proprietor, A. L. Ritchie, and W. R. Walker, a guest, as they attempted to dash out the door. C. C. Miller, the proprietor of a drug store, was shot while seeking shelter in the Hoover hotel. The latter hotel, an adobe structure, protected a score of cowering women and children, who remained in their rooms while a howling mob of bandits surged through the surrounding streets.

The bandits first attacked the camp of the 13th cavalry, killing and wounding a number of American soldiers.

The American Slain.

Nine civilians and six troopers are known to be dead. The civilians are as follows:

A. J. RITCHIE, hotel proprietor.
WILLIAM WALKER, U. S. customs rider.
MILTON JAMES.
MRS. MILTON JAMES.
J. S. DEAN.
C. C. MILLER, druggist.
J. J. MOORE, a merchant.
W. R. WALKER, a guest at the Central hotel.
An unidentified chauffeur.
The dead soldiers are:
FRANK KENDALL.
SERGEANT M. A. DOBBS.
CORPORAL PAUL SIMOND.
SERGEANT JOHN NIEVERGALT.
CORPORAL HARRY WISWALL.
PRIVATE FRED A. GRIFFEN.

The first volley of rifles woke up all the townspeople. Francisco Villa is said to have been seen by several Americans directing the men, and his personal papers were found in a bag picked up by troopers. The bandits cut the telephone wires east to El Paso to prevent a call for the troops stationed there. The telephones also were out of commission. While part of his forces fought the rallied troops, Villa is said to have detailed snipers and soldiers to fire the houses.

The houses throughout the town were riddled with bullets. Snipers posted in front of the frame buildings, which had been fired, shot at the American inmates as they sought to escape. The lighting of lamps by the householders and hotel guests, startled out of sound sleep by the fusillade, promptly brought a shower of bullets. Every house in the town appeared to have been hit from once to a dozen times.

Civilians armed themselves and from vantage points within their homes answered the Mexican shots. Villa's buglers began sounding the retreat shortly before 6 o'clock, and the town was cleared by 6:30. A number of the civilians shot were here to attend a Sunday school convention.

Troop G, which was stationed at the border gate south of the town, caught the retreating Mexicans on the flank and killed 18 of them.

WASHINGTON THINKS SITUATION GRAVE

Raid on Columbus, N. M., Leads Opponents of Administration's Mexican Policy to Reassert Carranza is Impotent.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Reports of the Mexican raid reached the White House while President Wilson was hav-

ing his first conference with the new secretary of war, N. D. Baker. The officials admitted that the raid put a very serious aspect on the Mexican situation. While the policy of the administration so far has been to look to the Carranza forces to deal with the bandits, some officials declared to-day that it was a grave question whether such a raid as that on Columbus was not sufficient evidence of the inability of the Carranza government to deal with the situation to warrant sending American troops over the line.

The raids started a new agitation in Congress where those opposing the administration's policy in Mexico openly charged that the attack was proof of their repeated declaration that the Carranza government is impotent to deal with the conditions.

13TH CAVALRY CROSS BORDER IN PURSUIT

Unofficial Report Submitted to Carranza Embassy in Washington Tells of Unusual Move.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Unofficial report transmitted to the Carranza embassy said the 13th cavalry has crossed the border in pursuit of the Villa bandits who shot up Columbus, N. M., this morning.

State Department Satisfied the Revolutionary is Not in Mexico.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—State department agents have information that Felix Diaz, the Mexican revolutionary leader, is hiding in New Orleans and are satisfied that he has not landed in Mexico with an armed expedition, as reported.

BODY OF KEARNS FOUND.

Former Mayor of Waltham Disappeared December 28.

Boston, March 9.—The body of Thomas F. Kearns, former mayor of Waltham, who disappeared on December 28 last, was found wedged between two rocks in the Charles river, just below the Water-town dam, yesterday afternoon. It lay face downward, about 40 feet from shore, and was covered by a inches of water when discovered by Mathias Renalt, a machinist, of 17 Scotland road, Reading, Renalt, engaged in installing some new machinery in the L. C. Chase factory, which faces the river, looked out of the window, about 2 p. m., just as he was about to put on his coat and call it a day's work. Uncertain he went down to the river bank, verified his gruesome discovery, and then notified the police.

The body lay about half a mile from the place where Kearns was last seen, nearly 10 weeks ago. It is probable that it was brought up to the surface by the high and turbulent waters below the dam, and caught and held by the two rocks. It required the active labors of five men, toiling for one hour, to bring the body to shore, as the current runs very swiftly at this point, and the rescuers were handicapped by the blinding storm.

GERMAN DEFEAT AT VAUX

A French Official Statement Says That Several Heavy Attacks, Accompanied by Intense Artillery Fire and Violent Infantry Assaults, Were Completely Repulsed

VILLAGE OF VAUX HAD BEEN PENETRATED

A Semi-Official Statement at Paris Says That French Repulsed Attacks on the Village of Bethincourt, the Germans Having Advanced Repeatedly to the Assault

Paris, March 9.—The Germans have been repulsed between Douaumont and the village of Vaux after several heavy attacks, accompanied by intense artillery fire and violent infantry assaults, according to the French official statement, which says that the attackers were completely defeated after having penetrated the village of Vaux.

A semi-official statement to-day says that on the Verdun sector west of the Meuse the French repulsed repeated attacks on the village of Bethincourt.

Germans Claimed Vaux.
Berlin, via London, March 9.—The village and armored fort of Vaux, northwest of Verdun, has been captured by the Germans, the war office announced to-day. The announcement says that in addition to the village and fort numerous fortifications and positions were captured. The assault was made in the night by the Posen reserve regiments.

THE FRENCH RALLY.

Turned on Germans with Strong Counter-Attack at Bethincourt.

London, March 9.—The French rallied yesterday against the new German drive northwest of Verdun, defeated a heavy infantry assault on Bethincourt and then, by a strong counter-attack, succeeded in driving the Germans from the greater part of the Corbeaux wood, which they occupied Tuesday. According to the official statement issued by the war office last night the Germans now hold only the eastern extremity of this road.

Northeast of the city, German regiments thrown upon the French line captured for the second time the redoubt of Harcourt. Their plan of battle on this side extended several miles about Douaumont, but their attempts to attack near that village collapsed under the French fire. Tremendous bombardments preceded and followed the infantry effort here, with the French replying in kind, and the artillery battle continued.

The French also repulsed an assault on the railroad and highway to Manheulles, northwest of Verdun.

GERMAN FLEET SEEN.

Fifty Big Warships Went Out Into the North Sea.

London, March 9.—A German fleet consisting of at least 50 big warships, followed by a grey painted armed trawler fleet, two big Zeppelins and numerous submarines, was sighted in the North Sea off Terschelling island, North Holland, according to the report of a steam trawler which has arrived at Ymuiden, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. The fleet was proceeding westward.

The correspondent adds that Monday morning five large cruisers of unknown nationality passed Ymuiden at full speed.

London, March 9.—The German fleet returned to its base yesterday morning, says Reuter's Ymuiden correspondent telegraphing Wednesday.

"A Dutch trawler which was searched by one of the warships," the correspondent adds, "reports that many of the vessels had a peculiar appearance. Those carrying several funnels had a stern-most funnel painted yellow or covered with yellow cloth, while the other funnels were grey."

ARMENIAN REFUGEES ARRIVE.

Were Driven from Their Homes By Turks Last July.

New York, March 9.—A party of 45 Armenian refugees, who have been supported by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief at Port Said since last September, arrived here yesterday on the Italian steamship America from Naples.

The Armenians were among the residents of five villages near the foot of Mount Moses and were driven from their homes by the Turks last July. Numbering in all about 4,000 they fled to the mountains, members of the party said, where they subsisted on what food they could forage until their plight was discovered by a French cruiser, which took them aboard and landed them at Port Said.

BLOODY BODY LAY ON KITCHEN FLOOR

Grand Juror, Going to House in Rutland to Begin Ejectment Proceedings, Found Signs Which Pointed to Foul Play.

Rutland, March 9.—What is believed to have been a murder for the purpose of robbery was accidentally discovered by Grand Juror Charles E. Novak of this city, when, on going to a house at 16 Meadow street, yesterday, to begin ejectment proceedings against the family of Louis Gruppe, who occupied a garret tenement on the third floor, he found the dead body of Domenico Ragosto, a wood chopper, aged 42 years. The corpse was on the floor in the kitchen. Blood had flowed from the man's mouth, profusely and the floor for a large area was stained. A superficial examination showed no outward bruises and Dr. Frederick H. Gahard, city health officer, who was called, ordered an autopsy.

The officers are searching for the Gruppo and a man whose name has not been disclosed. It is alleged that Mrs. Gruppo, who does not bear a good reputation, went late last Saturday night to Danby with Ragosto and the unknown man, presumably to get \$80 which is said to have been due Ragosto for wages. Tenants on the second floor of the house say that late Tuesday night some persons entered the Gruppo apartments. They heard cries of distress, but as the Gruppo had two children, thought nothing of the occurrence. The neighbors heard no one leave the apartments. Ragosto had been dead at least five hours when his body was found. There was no money on his person. A silver watch was in his pocket. Wine and victuals on the table showed that the party had a midnight lunch. Ragosto was a widower.

POWER BILL PASSED.

Senate Ends Four Weeks' Contest Over the Shields Measure.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The Senate last night after four weeks of debate, passed the Shields bill to provide for development of water power in navigable water by private capital. The vote was 46 to 22. Conservation champions fought hard to amend the measure, but without avail.

Several senators voted for the bill, who had opposed it during the debate. One of them, Senator Walsh, said he thought it had legislation, but firmly believed it would be amended when it reached the House.

Senator Reed attacked the provision of the bill, which provides that contest be decided in favor of the applicant able to guarantee the best construction, declaring this would result in the best sites going to the interests now operating power plants. He declared the measure would grant corporations absolute control of the country's water power for a long time.

The Shields bill had been under almost continuous debate since the passage of the Philippine bill February 4. It was opposed by the National Conservation association, of which Gifford Pinchot is president. Many amendments were offered by a score of senators, but the bill as passed, was changed but little from its original form.

As adopted, the bill permits the construction of dams in navigable waters under licenses issued by the secretary of war and gives grantees the right to operate power plants for fifty years, after which time the federal government may take over the plant after giving two years' notice and paying a fair value to be determined by the secretary of war and the owner or by proceedings in the United States courts.

Regulation of rates and services is placed with the state in which the plants are situated, or if interstate commerce is involved, with the interstate commerce commission on appeal when the states involved are unable to agree on reasonable rates and adequate service. The bill also provides that no works shall be operated in any combination to limit the output of electric power or in restraint of trade.

TALKED WITH SEATTLE.

Bellows Falls Man Congratulated His Mother on Her Birthday.

Bellows Falls, March 9.—Mrs. F. H. Coe of Seattle, Wash., observed her birthday anniversary yesterday and as a pleasing reminder of the anniversary, her son, H. L. Coe of 5 Green street, talked with her over the telephone last night for five minutes. This was the longest paid telephone conversation which has ever taken place. The total distance over which the conversation was carried was 4,500 miles. The call was routed from here to Greenfield, thence to New York by the transcontinental route to San Francisco, a distance of 3,500 miles, then 1,000 miles up the Pacific coast to Seattle. In addition to being the longest paid call, it was the first transcontinental talk sent from Vermont.

A talk between Poland Springs, Me., and San Francisco previously held this record, until last evening. The conversation between mother and son was plainly audible to both. The telephone company through Manager H. W. Buzzell had previously been notified of the prospective call and special circuits were arranged here and other points to insure satisfactory service.

DIED AT AGE OF 78.

William Lewis of Middlesex Had Hemorrhage of the Stomach.

Middlesex, March 9.—William Lewis died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Taplin, Wednesday afternoon at the age of 78 years. Mr. Lewis had been confined to his bed for three days, death being due to hemorrhage of the stomach. He is survived by one daughter, with whom he lived, and one son, George Lewis of Massachusetts. Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

NEW VERMONT POSTMASTERS.

John Layden at West Pawlet and D. R. Stetson at Newport.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—John Layden has been appointed postmaster at West Pawlet, Vt., in place of Anna M. Allen, resigned, and D. R. Stetson has been appointed postmaster at Newport, Vt., in place of H. G. Blanchard.

PORTUGAL EXPECTS WAR

Germany Has Ordered Her Subjects to Leave That Country for Spain

DIPLOMATS WILL BE RECALLED

Special Protective Measures Against Submarines Are Taken

London, March 9.—German residents throughout Portugal have been advised by their consul to proceed to Spain immediately, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Lisbon. It is supposed, says the correspondent, that the diplomats will leave this week as a rupture between Germany and Portugal is considered inevitable.

Paris, March 9.—A Lisbon dispatch to Matin says that special protective measures have been taken along the coast and at the entrance to the river Tagus against submarines. Lighthouses have been ordered to remain dark.

QUINCY CUTTERS DRAW STRIKE PAY

Total Number Was 1,450, Which Included Also the Polishers and Tool Sharpeners—Manufacturers Stand Out for Four-Year Bill.

Quincy, Mass., March 9.—The striking granite workers drew their first strike pay yesterday. The men are entitled to \$12.5 a day and in the list of applicants were 1,000 stone cutters, 300 polishers and 150 blacksmiths and tool sharpeners.

The granite workers have offered a three or five-year agreement, but the manufacturers want a four-year bill. The latter say the union committee first proposed the four-year bill, which was accepted by the manufacturers, but that later a mass meeting of the union refused to back up the position of the committee.

The bill of prices in Barre, Vt., Quincy's biggest competitor in New England, will expire in four years and the granite cutters here think it is not a good thing for the Quincy bill to terminate at the same time.

NON-SUPPORT CHARGED.

A. H. Grimes, Accused, Thinks His Father Will Help Him.

Middlebury, March 9.—A. H. Grimes, a former resident of New Haven, who for some little time has been in different places, was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff George Farr of Bristol in Groton, N. H., charged with not supporting his family, at present located in several places and consisting of a wife and four children. He was before Judge Donaway Wednesday morning and the case was continued until a later date. Grimes wished to get in communication with his father, who, he thought, would assist him.

MILITARY TRAINING FAVORED

For Public Schools of New Jersey By the New Jersey House.

Trenton, N. J., March 9.—Two bills passed last night place the New Jersey House of Assembly on record in favor of military training in public schools. The Pierson bill providing for two hours' training each week was passed. It is proposed to have the state board of education and the military department outline military subjects for boys and hygiene and nursing courses for girl pupils.

MANY FRIENDS PRESENT

At Funeral of Miss Eda Gerbert Held Wednesday Afternoon.

The funeral of Miss Eda Gerbert, aged 23, whose death at her home, 555 North Main street, Monday evening followed a prolonged illness, was held at the house Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Among those attending were friends of the young woman from Montpelier, Northfield, Waterbury and Hanover, N. H., as well as a very large representation from the Italian colony in Barre. The bearers were: Paul Scampini, James Walker, Peter Merlo, Alexander Emstie, Louis Sassi and Armando Comelli. There were several fine floral tributes. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

TALK OF THE TOWN

A Goddard seminary student, whose condition has developed symptoms of scarlet fever, was removed this morning to the house on Academy street, leased by the school authorities when a majority of the students were ill of the malady in February.

Lenten services at St. Monica's church are to be held daily at 7:30 o'clock in the morning, when mass is to be celebrated by the parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKenna. Special evening services are to be announced from time to time, and the schedule of services for Holy week will be given out later.

A small child's illness at the Lenten mass in St. Monica's church this morning soon after 7:30 o'clock, created something of a stir among the worshippers. The child was seated well toward the chancel of the church, when it suddenly seemed to fall into a faint. Before anyone could reach the youngster, it had fallen into the aisle. Mr. Archambault, father of Dr. F. N. X. Archambault, was the first to reach the child's side. It was removed to the vestibule, restored to consciousness there, and taken home. The child's name is Hale and his condition is reported to be improved.

MONTPELIER CHORAL SOCIETY.

Sum of \$4,000 is Assured for Festival Guarantee.

At the rehearsal of the Montpelier Choral society last Tuesday evening it was announced by President Sibbey that he would have in another week sufficient names on the guarantee paper to cover the sum of \$4,000, of this amount, \$3,400 being already pledged. He stated that those placing their names on the paper were glad to do so in order to assure the financial support of the organization and were ready to stand back of the members in their effort to furnish an opportunity both to study and enjoy high grade music. Mr. Sibbey's remarks were received with much appreciation by the members present.

Practically the entire evening was spent on the "Swan" section of the "Swan and Skylark," with Miss Sands of Montpelier seminary assuming the solo role for the contralto obligato. Miss Sands' solo work was well received by the chorus, her rendition of the number proving that she was an accomplished musician and an excellent vocalist. The tenor obligato for the latter part of the number will be sung by Frederick J. Inglis of Barre next week.

A fourth number, Dudley Buck's "Festival Hymn," was added to the chorus program; a male chorus number will be announced later, and if possible the number will be on hand for next week.

A chart showing the number of members from Barre and Montpelier, for the different parts was posted in the hall, which will be corrected each week to show the membership roll, which is now greater than at the festival last year, in excess of 210 members. Mr. Coffin urged greater effort to add to the numbers of the three lower parts, alto, tenor and baritone sections.

DEATH OF KENNETH McDONALD.

Barre Granite Cutter Had Been Ill for Six Months.

Kenneth McDonald, a granitecutter, passed away at his home on Trow hill this morning at 7 o'clock, the end following an illness of six months. Death was due to tuberculosis. Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife and eight children, the oldest of whom is Clifford McDonald, a clerk employed in the grocery store of W. H. Connor on North Main street. The deceased was a native of Canada, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald. He had been a resident of Barre and Barre Town for several years, and was employed steadily at his trade until illness overtook him in the summer of 1915. Two of his sisters reside in Graniteville.

It is probable that the funeral will be held Saturday, although definite arrangements have not been completed. Interment will be made in the Wilson cemetery at South Barre.

DIED IN ORANGE.

Mrs. Eva Jane Jackson Was Ill Two Weeks with Pneumonia.

Mrs. Eva Jane Jackson died Wednesday night at 10 o'clock at the home of her son, Calvin Jackson, in Orange, where she had been ill for the past two weeks. She had been ill for two weeks, death being caused by an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Jackson was born in Topham 64 years ago, her husband, Orman Jackson, dying 19 years ago. For 45 years Mrs. Jackson had lived in Orange. She is survived by the son with whom she lived and three daughters—Mrs. Florence Button of Woodville, Mrs. Jessie Parrin of Berlin and Mrs. Mabel Dickey of Brookfield, also by 11 grandchildren, one of whom, Harold Jackson, has always made his home with his grandmother.

A prayer service will be held at the Jackson home Saturday morning at 1 o'clock, with services at the Orange church at 12 o'clock. Rev. Amos Lord officiating. Burial will be in the Center cemetery.

COUNTY FARMERS' MEETING

Held This Afternoon Was Expected to Take Action on County Agency Plan.

Washington county farmers began to assemble in the city late this forenoon for the meeting scheduled to open in Howland hall in the afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. For a time it was feared that the heavy snowfall would make a postponement imperative and Thomas Bradlee of the state college of agriculture telephoned from Burlington to inquire whether the local committee proposed to go ahead with the meeting. Reports from outlying towns had indicated already that the farmers did not intend to ignore the invitations sent out and so Mr. Bradlee was advised to proceed to Barre.

The farmers' association was organized last year for the purpose of employing a permanent agricultural adviser. Some difficulties were encountered in putting proposed plans into operation, but now it is felt that the way for action is clear. Those who are close to the association anticipated this forenoon action in the afternoon that would bring Washington county into the ranks of counties already provided with agents.

PAINTERS GET INCREASE

Of 25 Cents a Day First Two Years and 50 Cents Third Year.

At a joint meeting last evening of committees representing the Master Painters' association and the union painters of local 185 of Barre, the committee representing the Master Painters' association unanimously agreed to accept the new bill of prices as advanced by local 185, thus assuring all journeymen painters an advance of 25 cents per day for two years, and an advance of 50 cents per day beginning on the third year, and remaining in force one year, said agreement to become operative April 1, 1916.

HIRSH DISCHARGED.

After Being Tried for Conducting Lottery in Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls, March 9.—Morris Hirsh, an agent for a Boston furniture company, who was arrested two weeks ago, charged with conducting a lottery, appeared before Judge T. E. O'Brien in municipal court yesterday, and following a trial which lasted until late in the afternoon, was discharged.

DEEP SNOWFALL HELD UP TRAINS

Other Traffic Seriously Interfered With for First Time This Winter

BREEZES ON THE HILLS PILED SNOW HIGHER

Quarry Railroad Had the Most Difficult Experience

Winter waited for March to deliver the heaviest snowstorm of the season. Like the fall which Lowell put in his famous poem-picture, it came in the gloaming, and like the coldest troops at San Juan hill, it continued nobly, even though it was unnecessary. On the dead level, if such a level exists more of a perfect plane than in any ordinary level, the new snow means nearly 16 inches to-day. Outside the city the fields were all sheeted up with a "plant counterpane," folds of pure white having been fashioned by a breeze that showed its real sturdiness without the city limits.

Train service was badly disrupted on all lines in Barre. Officials of the Barre & Chelsea railroad sent the snowplow into the hinterlands this morning, but freight trains remained here on the flats, for it soon developed that the wind had wrought havoc with railroading beyond Quarry street. It was thought that freight might be resumed late this afternoon or to-morrow morning at the latest. Numerous delays were reported at the Central Vermont station. The mail train, due to arrive in Barre at 4:05 a. m., missed its way through the storm in time to stop at Barre around 7:30 o'clock. The local train from Burlington, arriving usually at 9:47, was only 15 minutes late and the 12:55 p. m. train from the north was reported 40 minutes late. Central Vermont railroad attaches got to work early on the Barre and Williamstown branches, although it could not be stated whether the main line would be clear enough to insure prompt service this afternoon and to-night.

Over the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, the Green Mountain express, with its coaches piled high with Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont snow, lipped into the station at 9:05 o'clock this morning, more than an hour overdue. At Woodsville, N. H., last night 10 inches of snow had fallen at 10 o'clock and more was expected of the business-like weather man. Boston mails arriving over the Montpelier & Wells River at 11:50 a. m. were 40 minutes late, but the suburban service was not seriously impaired.

Here in the city the street department put in one of its busiest forenoons. For the most part the walks were pretty well ploughed out by the time people were ready to go to school or to work. Many teams were busy all day in removing the big accumulations of snow from the streets. Colder weather for to-night is the weather prognostication, with a return to balmy temperatures to-morrow.

GIVEN LIGHT TERM.

Charles Looker Pleaded Guilty to Robbing the United States Mail.

Burlington, March 9.—Prior to the adjournment of United States court yesterday till May 1, Charles Looker of Hartford pleaded guilty to a charge of robbing from the United States mail. When arraigned in the forenoon Looker pleaded not guilty, and the following jury was drawn: Charles E. McNamara of Northfield, Carroll Bottom of New Haven, F. S. Lanon of Burlington, Frank Ford of Isle La Motte, John H. Meagher of Fairfield Center, W. B. Johnson of Essex, Frank Talcott of Williston, Harry C. Patterson of Barre, G. N. Roberts of Shelburne, Charles A. Niles of Burlington, James Murphy of Charlotte and Edward L. Plant of Burlington. Five witnesses were introduced to give testimony for the government, United States District Attorney V. A. Bullard prosecuting.

Witnesses subpoenaed in behalf of the prosecution were: Conductor W. A. Shannon, Baggage-master D. E. Warner, Brake-man C. W. Stewart and special agents of the Grand Trunk, Tisdale, Maloney, Sampson and Shea.

Following the noon recess counsel for the defendant stated to the court that his client wished to change his plea of not guilty to that of guilty. Following Looker's plea of guilty, his counsel asked that the court show clemency to the defendant, who previous to his present trouble, had led an upright life. Looker was employed as brakeman on the Central Vermont railway. The package contained, among other small articles, things which a child might wear. District Attorney Bullard stated that the crime committed was a serious offense. Judge Howe, in consideration of the fact that the man had lived clean with the exception of the present trouble, and that he has a wife and two children who would feel the effect of a heavy fine, stated that he would inflict a light sentence. Looker was sentenced to spend 30 days in the Washington county jail at Montpelier.

CLINIC AT HOSPITAL.

Dr. F. B. Lund of Boston City Hospital Will Be in Barre Tuesday.

Dr. F. B. Lund of Boston will conduct an operative clinic at the Barre City hospital Tuesday, March 14, at 9:30 a. m. Under the auspices of the Washington County Medical society. Physicians who have cases they would like to present for operation or diagnosis will please notify Dr. M. L. Chandler of Barre a few days previous. A brief history should accompany each case.

R. Salamano left the city this morning for New York, where he has secured employment.